

Dear Michael Powell & your fellow FCC Commissioners,

Your charge is to protect all Americans and make decisions regarding the interests of every citizen in this country. However, you Mr. Powell and your cohorts are strictly in bed with this administration and the obstructionist attempts from true balance in the media. Instead with you we have consolidated media ownership that has shown clearly to not be in the best interest of the people of this country.

And so I write to you about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.